IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR
PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 20158 of 1999

Between:
1.T.Rajendra Prasad, S/o Suryanarayana, age 46 years,
S.G.S.Sat Links, Salagrampuram, Visakhapatnam.
2. K.S.R.Murthy, S/oSuribabu, aged 34 years,
M/s Transmission/DE/Satellite, Narasimhanagar, Visakhapatnam
3. Pilla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Satyanarayana, aged 32 years,
M/s Vinayak Visions,Zilla Parishad area, Visakhapatnam
4. R.S.Raju, S/o R.V.Raju, aged 32 years,
M/s Sky Visions, Pandurangapuram, Visakhapatnam
5. Beesetty Mahalakshmi, W/o B.M.Naidu, aged 24 years,
M/s City Star T.V.Net Work, Malkapuram, Visakhapatnam
6. P.Bhavani, W/Ov.R.Varma, aged 34 years,
M/s Sri Sairam Cables, Kasturinagar, Visakhapatnam
7. C.V.Vijay Kumar, S/o C.Madan Mohanrao, aged 26 years,
M/s.S.S.Communications, Easurinagar, Visakhapatnam
8. Dayala Eswara Rao, S/o Dayala Nagaraju, aged 27 years,
M/s Kailaspathi Polamamba Star T.V.Net work, D.L.B.Quarters,
Visakhapatanm.
9. K.Venkata Rao, S/o K.V.Raju, aged 27 years,
M/s Venkatesh Sat Links, Narasimhanagar, Visakhapatnam

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PETITIONERS

AND
Visakhapatnam Port Trust rep. by its Secretary,
Visakhapatnam-35.

.....RESPONDENT

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ of Mandamus or any other writ, order or direction in the nature of a writ, declaring the action of the respondent in directing the petitioners to remove the Cable T.V connections given by them to the residents of Visakhapatnam Port Trust residential colonies as arbitrary, illegal, without authority and violative of Art.19(1)

(a) & (g) of the Constitution of India and to direct the respondent not to interfere with the said Cable, T.V.Connections and to pass such other orders as are necessary in the interest of justice.

Counsle for the Petitioners:MR.G.PEDDA BABU

Counsel for the Respondent : MR.P.Sri Raghuram

The Court made the following Order :

The petitioners, who are running Cable T.V. Net Work in the Visakhapatnam Port Trust Employees Residential Colonies, filed the present writ petition questioning the direction given by the respondent-Visakhapatnam Port Trust for removing the Cable T.V. connections given by them, as arbitrary and illegal and the same is in violation of Article 19(1)(a) and (g) of the Constitution of India.

In response to the Rule nisi, the respondent filed a counter-affidavit stating that the management examined the issue with a view to streamline the Cable Net Wok in Port residential areas and they have never threatened to remove the Cable T.V. Net Work. Meetings were held subsequently on 13-12-1999 and 08-01-2000, which clearly indicate that the respondent has no intention to remove the Cable Net Work, but wanted to streamline and also to stipulate certain guidelines for checking of supply of cable T.V. network in the residential areas of the respondent. The same is placed on record.

In view of the above averments made in the counter-affidavit, no further orders need to be passed in the writ petition and it is accordingly closed. No costs.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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1. Visakhapatnam Port Trust rep. by its Secretary,
   Visakhapatnam-35.
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